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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - BUSH SPEECH AT UNGA AND
TERRORIST BOMBING IN PAKISTAN

11. LEAD STORIES: All Thursday morning papers gave prominent top play to the launch of the Aso cabinet on Wednesday.

12. "U.S. Commitment to UN Remains Unclear" The top circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote (9/25): "In his farewell speech at the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, President Bush stressed the importance of the world body. This act symbolized his move from the unilateralism of the Iraq war to multilateral diplomacy. While UN officials welcomed the speech, doubts about the effectiveness of the UN are deep-rooted in the U.S., and it is unclear what the next president's approach to the UN will be."

13. "Deep Impact of Suicide Bombing in Pakistan" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (9/25): "President Bush and Pakistani President Zardari agreed to enhance coordination to fight terrorism. Pakistan is facing an unprecedented terrorist threat. The two nations are called upon to deliver results in rooting out terrorist bases.... Antiterrorism measures require more than military operations. Poverty is widespread in Pakistan's tribal areas in the absence of economic development. The central government in Islamabad, while citing local autonomy, has not undertaken appropriate development measures there. A comprehensive aid package is called upon for these regions."

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